



WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18.

At a negro meeting in a negro church in Washington night before last, one of the speakers, as reported in the newspapers of that city, D. F. Batts of Virginia, a negro, in support of the proposed organization of a national negro league, said: "White bullets should be met by bloody ballots." Another speaker, Small, the negro collector of the port of Beaufort, S. C., said: "Before we go to any place against our will we will learn to use dynamite." Another negro, Finley, who was appointed postmaster at Abbeville, S. C., said: "The day is not far off when the black man's rifle will ring back against his oppressors." W. R. Laws, who, like Batts, is also described as a Virginia negro, said: "The white men are not afraid of the black man's prayers. They can only be made afraid of us by rifles, and rifles it will be if we can only perfect and hold together our organization." These are only fair samples of the incendiary language uttered by the various speakers, one of whom, a man named Carson, said if a white policeman should attempt to carry his wife to the station house, he "wouldn't look far for redress." Senator Callom, of Illinois, is so much in favor of the object of the meeting, that he sent a letter regretting his inability to be present. With such church teachings, it is not at all wonderful that the ratio of crime among the negroes of Washington is greater than among any other people on the face of the earth.

IT MUST be gratifying to every well wisher of Virginia to know that Mr. Hume, the delegate to the Legislature from this city and county, as stated in the GAZETTE some days ago, says the feeling in favor of a settlement of the State debt is growing in the body of which he is a member. That the same feeling is growing outside of the Legislature is apparent from expressions in different sections of the State, which must represent the views at least of some of their readers. If the members of the Legislature would confer an inestimable boon upon Virginia, and put the State under obligations to them during their lives, they will inform the creditors that the terms once offered by Sir Edward Thornton will now be accepted, and will pass a high license law that will make a settlement on those terms a mere bagatelle.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY white "long shorn" men struck in New York last Monday because their employers had put a few negroes to work with them. The same old irrepressible conflict—irrepressible because natural. Blood is thicker than water, and what nature has divided, man cannot unite. The only strange thing about this strike is that no republican Congressman from New York, or anywhere else, will conceive the idea that his official duty compels him to bring it to the attention of the national legislature, and point to it as a patent illustration of the infringement of that portion of the Constitution which prohibits distinctions on account of color.

FROM WASHINGTON.
[Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18, 1889.

The failure of the House Committee on Rules to report is the cause of no little anxiety, if not real alarm, to the democratic Congressmen, as they look upon it as indicative of an intention on the part of the republican majority to report no rules, thereby leaving the control of the House in the arbitrary power of the Speaker, so that all the republican contestants may be seated at one swoop at Mr. Reed's own sweet will. The Committee on Rules is composed of three republicans and two democrats, Messrs. Randall and Carlisle. Some of the democratic members of the House were censuring the latter this morning for not making a report out of the Committee on Rules, one of them a Virginian, going so far as to say that Carlisle's leadership, he feared, would result in the ousting of seventeen democratic members. Mr. Randall, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, will, it is feared, never be in the House again.

Mr. John L. Davenport, supervisor of elections in New York, spent last Sunday in this city with Senator Chandler. It is supposed in consultation on the subject of the latter's bill to put State elections under the control of federal officers.

Should the bill for a bridge from the Arsenal grounds across the Eastern Branch to Geisbort, introduced in the Senate by Mr. Barbour yesterday, become a law, a road will be constructed along the western slope of the Maryland heights, opposite Alexandria, to Fort Washington.

Among the Presidential nominations sent to the Senate to-day were one hundred and twenty-eight postmasters, none of whom, however, were from Virginia.

Pension claimants already have two chances, the Pension Office and Congress. Mr. Hoar wants to give them a third. In the Senate to-day he introduced a bill allowing them to establish their claims in the courts.

Representative Edmunds of Virginia says that among the bills he has been requested to introduce are eight from people in his district who were Union soldiers in the war between the States. They are northern men who have settled in that district since the war.

The States and Territories were called in the House to-day for bills, the result being an avalanche, each State and Territory having a flood. Among the bills introduced under Alabama's call was one by Gen. Wheeler for refunding the cotton tax. Among the executive communications sent to the House to-day was one from the Secretary of War in reference to the improvement of Roanoke river, in Virginia. The House resolved to-day to adjourn on Saturday to Monday, the 6th of January.

People from Berryville, Va., here to-day, say if Mr. Charles Lee be appointed post-

master at that place, as anticipated in this correspondence of yesterday, and thereby "down" Mr. Parshall, a northern republican, and Mr. Beamer, another applicant, it will create a racket among the faithful there, as Mr. Lee is a new convert.

Mr. John Chamberlain of this city has completed all the necessary pecuniary arrangements for building his new hotel at Old Point Comfort. The work will be commenced at once, and it is expected, will be finished in less than a year.

Among the recess appointments was that of W. B. Sorely, to be consul at Guayaquil. He was appointed, it is stated, because he stole from the newspaper office in which he was employed papers relating to a contested election case in one of the Gulf States, and sent them to Chairman Quay. As his name has not yet been sent to the Senate, it is supposed there may be a hitch in his appointment.

Mr. Park Agnew, the republican candidate for Congress in the Alexandria district, was here to-day. In the course of the revived effort on the part of some of the republicans in his district to have the lady postmasters at The Plains, Fauquier county; Middleburg, Loudoun county; and Occoquan, Prince William county, removed, he says he is opposed to it, and will be no party to the removal of efficient and reputable women, and does not think it right to make war on women.

General Mahone, he understands, has endorsed the applications of other people for the offices referred to, and if the chairman of the republican committee of the respective counties in which the offices are located also endorse them, he supposes the ladies will have to go, but they never will by his consent. Mr. Agnew says what strikes him as strange about this matter is the fact that those most clamorous for the removal of the ladies are not old time republicans, but ex-Confederates, who have recently become members of his party.

Mr. Van Arken, an original Virginia republican, and one of the few who remain faithful to General Mahone, is here, looking for a U. S. surveyorship in the West. He says he is waiting and hoping, but doesn't know whether the administration's affection for General Mahone has cooled or not.

Washington Items.

Miss Virginia Stuart Mosby and her sister, Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Warrenton, are here for the winter.

The project of removing the Supreme Court room from the Capitol to a separate building is mooted.

Senator Hearst was robbed by a young negro man at Walker's, on Monday of \$210, which was recovered by the detective.

Peter Lewis, a negro Baptist preacher, was before the police court yesterday charged with choking his wife, but was dismissed.

The will of the late Thomas Parker, executed May 9, 1877, has been filed. He left his estate to his three children, all of whom he survived.

The collector of taxes reports during the month of November the receipt of \$1,040,561.45 from taxes of all sorts, against \$955,185.45 for the same month last year.

President Harrison and his son Russell had to summarily leave the buggy in which they were riding yesterday, as the horse fell and kicked the shafts into splinters.

Mr. Hoar has offered a resolution in the Senate to inquire whether adequate provisions are made in the District for colored foundlings and other colored infants.

Sergeant at arms Holmes of the House of Representatives has appointed E. J. Hartshorn, of Iowa, to be cashier of his office, and Mr. Hartshorn has given a bond of \$50,000.

Rev. A. W. Pitzer, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, has prepared a bill for the enforcement of Sunday rest in the District of Columbia, which is to be presented in the Senate shortly.

The bill introduced in the Senate to make the office of recorder of deeds a salaried one at \$3,000 a year and abolishing the present system by which the recorder is paid by fees, meets with much favor with business men.

Two negro men were yesterday sent to the penitentiary for five years for highway robbery. They made their victim throw up his hands, and while one held a pistol at his head the other relieved him of his watch and money.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Thomas N. Nichols and Rosa Lee Hart, both of Richmond; to C. Patterson, of Tampa, Fla., and Bell Switzer, of Staunton; to George White and Lavinia Brown, of Alexandria, and to Nolan H. Roberts, of Culpeper, Va., and Mary E. Thompson, of Wilmington, Del.

A Christmas entertainment was given at the Metropolitan church Monday night by the Chinese Sunday school attached to that church. The entertainment was held in a room of real Chinese lanterns, made especially for the occasion by the pupils, and the scene looked decidedly celestial.

Letter from Richmond.

[Correspondence of the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17.—When the House bill providing for the election of a Commissioner of Agriculture by the General Assembly instead of that officer being appointed by the Governor came up in the Senate to-day, Mr. Harrison, of Winchester, moved to insert at the proper place the words "that said officer be a practical farmer."

In advocacy of his amendment, Mr. Harrison made an earnest speech in behalf of the farmers, and contended that he certainly ought to have a say in the appointment of this officer in so far as that the commissioner be a practical farmer.

Mr. Beaton, of Loudoun, did not know what a "practical farmer" meant. He humorously held that a man up in his head of the country where beef, corn and wheat are the principal crops might be called a practical farmer, when at the same time put that same Loudoun man in the peanut hills of Prince George or the "tater hills" of Accomac he would not know what to do. Mr. Heaton begged piteously for a definition of the words "practical farmer," but the answer was not forthcoming.

Senator Hubbard, of Buckingham, was in his seat to-day, the first time since the General Assembly met. Mr. Hubbard is a republican and has been a legislator for the past four years.

The General Assembly will not adjourn for the Christmas holidays until Friday, but most of the members will go home before that day. Eight or ten have already left and there is not much prospect of many committee meetings on Thursday.

A well-known assistant engineer of this State has submitted in an informal manner to some leading members of the Legislature a plan for a general improvement of the roads in Virginia.

The plan has not been reduced to writing, but it may be in a few days. A legislator who has given the subject a considerable thought and who has the subtle engineering, who is none other than Major Channing Bolton, of Richmond, says that the plan is one that will secure permanent road improvements, but that the cost is too much for the Commonwealth to stand just now.

The Pilot General Assembly this session. An eye on the bill to repeal the present pilot law, which it is claimed, is detrimental to the shipping interests of Richmond and Petersburg particularly, and there is always at the Capitol some body keeping a watch-out for any move that the opponents of the present law may make. B. F. O.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Dr. C. H. Nichols, superintendent of the Bloomingdale Insane Asylum, New York, is dead.

Mr. Franklin B. Gowen, who committed suicide in Washington last Saturday, had \$200,000 insurance on his life.

E. Snellenberg & Co., dealers in dry goods, of Baltimore, have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, the bond being \$60,000.

Two of the biggest beef and cattle firms in the country—the Munroe, of Boston, and the Hammond Company, of Hammond, Ind., have united.

The Business Men's Democratic Association of New York will celebrate the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans on January 8 by a banquet, at which the guests will be the newly elected democratic governors of Ohio, Iowa, Virginia, New Jersey and Montana.

A London postman, while delivering mail in Hatten Garden, yesterday, was seized by three men, who, after wounding him, carried him to a room, where they took his bag from him and locked him in. The men escaped with the mail, which, it is said, contained packages of diamonds from the Cape of Good Hope.

Wilson Waddingham, one of the wealthiest men in the west, has been legally separated from his wife on complaint of the latter, in the circuit court of Chicago. Waddingham is reputed to be worth \$60,000. His rapid accumulation of this wealth and the disposition he showed to spend it royally was the cause of the trouble between him and his wife.

The first cases of the threatened epidemic from across the water have been reported in New York. The first symptom is vertigo, speedily followed by headache and chills; then the deadly sickness with pains in limbs and muscles. This is succeeded by bronchial catarrh, soreness of the throat and coughing, followed by a high fever and an exceedingly rapid pulse, which at times reaches 120 to the minute.

New York buyers are taking all the ducks that can be supplied at Havre de Grace and not half the orders from other places can be filled. The season has been the worst ever known. The canvas backs are unprecedentedly scarce and the red heads are bringing canvas back prices. The approach of Christmas always doubles the demand, and this year it is heavier than ever. Canvas backs are retailing in Washington at \$8 a pair.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Ed Fleming, charged with assault on Sarah Bowman, in Norfolk county, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years.

A company of Roanoke capitalists has purchased 140 acres, on the western border of that city, for \$50,000, being \$400 an acre.

A Roanoke real estate operator last week closed a contract with a Baltimore capitalist for 4,000 acres of timber and mineral land in Bedford county.

A bill has been introduced in the State Senate incorporating a connecting line proposed to connect the Petersburg and the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroads at a point between Manchester and Ashland.

The Legislature has appointed a committee to request Governor-elect McKinney and Lieutenant Governor-elect Tyler to formally take the oath of office in the hall of the House on January 1 in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature.

The bill repealing the Hog Island flat lease has passed the House of Delegates and will be approved by the Governor. A bill allowing Mr. Lewis compensation for the expenditure he has made in the way of improving the flats was voted down in the House.

Robert Stacy, a citizen of Radfa, yesterday fell from the top of a box car, on the Richmond and Danville Railroad, while the train was in motion, and one of his legs was entirely severed from the body by the wheels which passed over him. The other leg was badly bruised.

The bill requiring that hereafter the State commissioner of agriculture shall be elected by the Legislature instead of being appointed by the Governor, passed by the House of Delegates has been amended in the Senate so as to provide that the commissioner shall be "a practical farmer."

The City Council of Danville has passed a resolution relieving new manufacturing enterprises from city taxation for a period of ten years. The resolution provides, however, that such enterprise must be new and not of the character of any manufacturing already established and paying taxes.

A meeting is to be held in Richmond at an early day to take measures to have that city selected as the final burial place of ex-President Davis. Also to start a subscription fund for a Davis monument. Justice L. Q. Lamar is to be invited to address the meeting. A resolution has been adopted by the House of Delegates directing the clerk to inform Mrs. Davis that it is the earnest desire of the Legislature that the remains of her husband be allowed to find a resting place in the city of Richmond.

A meeting of colored men was held in Richmond last night to memorialize Congress to pass a national election law, and to make an appropriation for locating the colored people on lands in the west. The resolutions adopted say of the presidential election of 1888 and the last State election, that they "were characterized by fraud, reinforced by wholesale disfranchisement of colored men, and denial to them of the right of suffrage guaranteed them by the United States constitution."

JUDGES ELECTED.—The Legislature yesterday elected the following Judges: Alexandria city, J. K. M. Norton (incumbent).

Accomack county, John W. Gillet. Greensville county, George D. Barham. Louisa county, F. W. Sims. Roanoke city, William Gordon Robert.

In Hollywood cemetery, at Richmond, lie the remains of Presidents Monroe and Tyler, John Randolph, Gen. Pickett, J. E. B. Stuart, A. P. Hill and 12,000 confederate soldiers.

They say Bigelow is suing "Battle and the Baby" for half of their gift money, but the baby don't care a sou, so long as it can get plenty of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Is Consumption Curable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made.

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You will seldom need a doctor if you have Simmons' Liver Regulator handy.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Charles F. Mayer was re-elected President of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to-day.

Wm. Sheets Harrison, a nephew of President Harrison, died at his home in River Forest, Ill., yesterday after a brief illness. The New York Weekly Mail and Express announces to-day that Mrs. Grant says that the General's tomb is finally located at Riverside Park.

A glove fight between Mike Cushing and Austin Gibbons took place near Stanford, Conn., this morning and was won by Gibbons in 34 rounds.

Ex-Congressman Joseph Lyman was stricken with apoplexy yesterday, at his home at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and there are no hopes of his recovery.

The Cronin Verdict.

State's Attorney Longenecker after a conference with one of the Cronin jury, told how the verdict was reached. Juror John Culver, who spent much of his spare time during the long evenings reading the Bible, was the influential factor. The first incident in this connection occurred while the trial was in progress—the time when Mrs. Cronin testified. That evening Mr. Culver notified his fellow jurors that he solemnly believed she had committed perjury. Later he thought Mrs. Hoerl was a liar and was of the opinion that Martinson, the express man, did not really know Burke, while the Carbons were plainly telling falsehoods. Mr. Culver, as the trial neared the end, seemed to see in nearly every witness for the State a vindictive or a purchased perjuror. When the time for balloting arrived Mr. Culver voted for the acquittal of all the defendants. The result was a long struggle and repeated ballots, in ending the compromise verdict announced. Not satisfied with saving their necks the prisoners will take an appeal by which a year's delay is assured.

Salvation Oil, is what you want. It kills pain and cures the worst case of rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat, hoarseness, and headache. Take no "just as good." Price twenty five cents a bottle.

For fine fried oysters go to Mrs. I. Rammel's restaurant.

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Fried oysters served in boxes at Mrs. I. Rammel's restaurant.

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Being satisfied that glasses were imperative, I, after having worn your crystal lens for a short time, my eyes regained their accustomed strength, and I can now read the finest print for hours with perfect ease without glasses.

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JACK TUCKER, the English Comique, in his humorous songs and grotesque dancing. A special lyric feature of the presentation will be the celebrated NORTH BRITAIN PIPE SINGERS, who will positively appear.

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WANTS.

WANTED—A MEDIUM-SIZED BOOM, furnished, warmed and lighted. Leave answers at the GAZETTE office by noon on Thursday. (11) SENEX.

Dinner for the Poor Children.

Pursuant to a call, the undersigned ladies met at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association on Monday afternoon, Dec. 10th, 1889, and organized for the purpose of providing a New Year's dinner for the poor children of the city by electing Mrs. J. Clinton Smoot President, Mrs. David R. Windsor Vice President, Miss Nellie Stuart Treasurer, and Miss Florence Smoot Secretary, and appointed committees for the purpose of soliciting money and provisions from the citizens. The ladies hope that all will respond liberally, so that the little ones may have a good dinner.

Mrs. J. Clinton Smoot, Mrs. David R. Windsor, Mrs. Nellie Stuart, Mrs. Florence Smoot, Mrs. J. E. Zimmerman, Mrs. John G. Givens, Mrs. Mary Givens, Mrs. Geo. B. Carlin, Mrs. Gertrude Miller, Mrs. I. Eichberg, Mrs. W. H. Holmuth, Mrs. A. H. Thompson, Mrs. Abby Miller, Mrs. E. W. Avery, Mrs. John S. Fowler, Mrs. M. K. Kistner, Mrs. Frank Creighton, Mrs. H. T. Sharp, Mrs. Mary Hill, Mrs. J. E. Strauss, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Thos. Leadbeater, Miss Lucas.

Notice will be given hereafter where to send money and provisions. dec18 5t

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ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Proceedings of Congress.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.
SENATE.

A joint resolution extending to the first of March, 1890, the time for holding the international Marine Conference was passed.

Mr. Morgan offered the following joint resolution which was read in full and laid over till to-morrow. Resolved that the United States of America congratulate the people of Brazil on their adoption of a republican form of government, and that the United States of Brazil is, by that act, recognized as a lawful and rightful government.

Mr. Hoar also introduced a bill changing the time for the ending of the official terms of the President and members of Congress.

HOUSE.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Sergeant-at-arms to offer reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and delivery to the marshal of the District of Columbia, of C. E. Silcott the absconding cashier.

The following bills were introduced and referred: By Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, to reduce the tobacco tax; also to refund the cotton tax; also amending the civil service act.

By Mr. Oates, of Alabama, to prohibit aliens from acquiring title to lands in the United States.

By Mr. Williams, of Illinois, for the election of U. S. Senators by popular vote.

By Mr. O'Donnell, of Michigan, to repeal the duty on sugar.

Ex President Davis's Will.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 18.—The will of J. H. Davis has been filed for probate at Mississippi City. He gives to his wife the Briarfield plantation with all its appurtenances; to Mary R. Ellis, of Philadelphia, the Elliston plantation; to Mary R. Dorsey, of Howard county, Md., the Limerick plantation; to his daughter, Varina Anne Davis, the Beauvoir plantation; to his wife and two daughters all the property real, personal and mixed not otherwise disposed of. Jacob U. Payne and Mr. Davis's son-in-law G. A. Hayes, are named as executors. The property above described is mortgaged to the amount of \$45,000.

Boulangists Meeting.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Boulangists have convened a monster meeting to protest against the action of the Chamber of Deputies in seating M. Joffre, who ran against General Boulanger in the Montmartre district in the recent election.

M. Naquet, whose election was declared invalid by the Chamber on Monday, has come to the Island of Jersey to confer with General Boulanger concerning the course to be followed by the Boulangists.

Injection.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Topeka, Kansas, says Judge Brewer in the United States Circuit Court has granted a restraining order preventing the county treasurer of about 75 counties in this State from collecting the taxes levied on the Pullman palace, drawing room and parlor cars, operated on the railways in this State, by the board of assessors for the year 1889. The company refuses to pay on the ground that the State has no right to tax property used in inter-State commerce.

Richmond and Danville Railroad.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—The Board of Directors of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company to-day elected the following officers: John H. Inman, president; directors, Geo. S. Scott, Calvin S. Brice, H. C. Fabbestock, John A. Rutherford, J. C. Mahen, Samuel Thomas, John G. Moore, John C. Calhoun, Chas. M. McGhee, John H. Hall, all of New York; John S. Barbour, of Virginia; Samuel M. Inman, of Atlanta, Ga.

A New Ship Canal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Trustees have been chosen to supervise the construction of a canal connecting Lake Michigan with the Illinois river. The canal will have sufficient dimensions to admit of the passage of large vessels, and thus furnish an outlet for this city to the Gulf of Mexico. A combination with three hundred of millions back of it has been formed for the purpose of securing the contract.

Another Explorer Safe.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 18.—Capt. Trevel, the French explorer, has arrived here from Quilimane, at which place he recently arrived after crossing Africa from Loango on the west coast. He travelled by way of the Shire river, and was an observer of the movements of the Portuguese in that section. He states that they are displaying extraordinary aggressiveness along the river.

A Testimonial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Fairfax, of this city, the lady who draped her house on the announcement of the death of Jefferson Davis, received from Atlanta, Ga., to-day, a beautiful floral emblem made as a fort. The piece was about one foot high and two feet in width at the base. Accompanying it was a letter of appreciation for her demonstration.

Fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—About midnight a fire broke out in the Adelphi Academy, one of the leading educational institutions in Brooklyn. The janitor who lives in the upper part of the building escaped with his family unharmed. Loss is estimated at from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

The Boy Train Wrecker.

WABASH, Ind., Dec. 18.—William Marquis, the 18 year old boy arrested for wrecking the Atlantic express on the Wabash road last October, has waived examination and his bond was placed at \$2,500, which he was unable to give.

Out of Danger.
ZANZIBAR, Dec. 18.—It is announced that Emin Pasha who was injured by falling from a window at Bagamoyo, is entirely out of danger, and is making rapid progress toward full recovery.

Death of a Veteran of 1812.
CHERRYFIELD, Maine, Dec. 18.—Abner Nash